

## REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 1, 2005: In response to the Restriction Requirement required by the Examiner, requiring election between:

Group I: Claims 1-8 drawn to a thin-film magnetic head; and

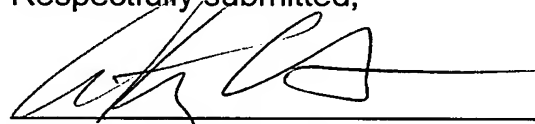
Group II: Claims 9-13 drawn to method of making a thin-film magnetic head,

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-8, drawn to a thin-film magnetic head. Although this election has been made with traverse, Applicants have cancelled Group II, accordingly, the restriction requirement is now moot.

## Conclusion

If the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AP Curtis', is written over a horizontal line.

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